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More credit for ROTC

The SA senate passed a bill to give at least three credits for ROTC courses

By ALEXANDRA COCHRANE
FLAT HAT ASSOC. NEWS EDITOR

The Student Assembly senate unanimously passed The Full and Fair Treatment for ROTC Cadets Act March 27. The bill includes provisions urging the College to restructure credit for ROTC courses so cadets receive at least three credits per semester, and all credits earned through ROTC would be counted toward the 120 required for graduation.

These changes would be made retroactively in order to benefit all current cadets. The bill was sponsored by junior senator Joe Luppino-Esposito and sophomore senators Matt Beato and Zach Pilchen. Sophomore Matt Pinsker, ROTC cadet and member of the SA executive branch, was instrumental in conceiving and writing the bill.

“I went to the student senate first because I felt that I would get more from them than I would from the administration. I knew [they] would take the time to listen to and fairly evaluate our concerns,” Pinsker said.

A few years ago, the cadets presented the credit issue to the administration, but they were quickly rejected. ROTC cadets and the senate are hoping that the administration will pay more attention to the issue now because it has the full support of elected senators. The Educational Policy Review Committee, chaired by Professor Ray McCoy, is in charge of setting course credits.

“I have no idea if the administration will adopt all of the changes, make some changes or completely reject the opinion of the students,” Pinsker said.

The Full and Fair Treatment for ROTC Cadets Act has received high support from ROTC cadets.

“The ROTC community has been extremely excited by this. I’ve walked up to people who have thanked me for working on this, simply because ROTC is so much work without a lot of credit,” Beato said.

Cadets can currently earn up to 14 credits throughout their time in college, but a maximum of six may count toward graduation. Students enrolled at

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Three days later, Pilchen earns top spot



ALEX HAGLUND • THE FLAT HAT
Sophomores Zach Pilchen and Valerie Hopkins were elected Student Assembly president and vice president. The election took place last Thursday, but results came out Sunday night, as a human error processing the data caused it to be deleted. Several technology-savvy alumni worked to restore the data.

By AUSTIN WRIGHT
FLAT HAT NEWS EDITOR

Sunday night, three days after the Student Assembly elections, sophomores Zach Pilchen and Valerie Hopkins were declared SA President and Vice President, winning 57 percent of the 3,146 votes cast. A human error during the processing of the initial results caused them to be deleted, and several former Student Information Network leaders who have now graduated had been working since to restore the data.

“We have [365] days ahead of us to get all our stuff done for students and those are going to be the most important days,” Pilchen said during a victory celebration for all candidates at the College Delly. “Brad [Potter] called me, and he was very, very gracious, and I can’t

stress enough what a fantastic job the two of them did over the last 10 days.”

Most of the candidates — even some who lost — gathered on the patio outside the Delly, laughing, drinking and enjoying themselves at the end of what has been a hectic campaign followed by a stressful waiting period.

“This is all an April Fools’ joke — that’s my biggest fear,” Hopkins said. “I’m absolutely elated, although having this spread out over five days has been quite a trip. I know Zach and I have been having emotions ranging from ebullience to devastation to paranoia and back.”

Junior Brad Potter, Pilchen’s opponent, sent an e-mail to The Flat Hat expressing his hopes for the future.

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Despite demand, College loses professor

By MAXIM LOTT
FLAT HAT ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Sixteen professors from various departments in the Arts and Sciences were granted tenure this spring, but less well-known are the stories of those professors who were not. In the economics department, a professor who is widely regarded as a great teacher, Jeffrey Gerlach, was not retained. He has found a new long-term position at an MIT-affiliated business school in Seoul, Korea, and will be on a fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this fall.

Several objective measures indicate student support for the professor. There were three sections of Economics 101 offered this semester, each with 150 slots and within half an hour of each other. While the class taught by Professor Gerlach was overbooked, with 167 registered, the two other course sections attracted just 89 and 78 students each.

On Ratemyprofessors.com, a widely-used website used by students to share their views on professors, Gerlach has a 3.9 “quality” rating, which is above the 3.6 average for tenured professors at the College. The quality rating is a combination of the “clarity” and “helpfulness” ratings.

“When I teach Econ 101, I include many examples from business, politics and everyday life. I believe economics is very useful for understanding the real world and I try to demonstrate that in class,” Gerlach said of his teaching methods.

“He is far and away my favorite teacher,” freshman Joe Hart, who has Gerlach for Econ 101 this semester, said. “He has made a subject that I did not think I would be appealing interesting, to the point that I would actually con-

sider taking economics as a major.”

Although The Flat Hat is not authorized to release the precise numbers, student evaluations of Gerlach’s classes have also been significantly above average.

Department Chair Clyde Haulman agreed that Gerlach was a good teacher but would offer no further comment about Gerlach’s specific case because it was a personnel issue.

Dean of Arts and Sciences Carl Strikwerda agreed that it would not be appropriate for department chairs to discuss individual hiring decisions, even though the university is a public institution.

“The College, like almost all employers, does not comment upon personnel matters,” Strikwerda told The Flat Hat in an e-mail. “The final decision to grant tenure by the Board of Visitors is taken only after thorough deliberation by the department, an elected faculty committee, deans and the provost, along with extensive input from students and from scholars off-campus.”

Haulman commented on the tenure process in general, saying that the department evaluated professors based on three areas of ability: teaching, research and service.

“Those three areas are independent of one another in the sense that you could be way over the expected level in one, but that doesn’t make up for being below the expected level in another,” Haulman said.

Given Gerlach’s teaching credentials, this may indicate that tenured professors in the department had reservations about his publications and research. While Gerlach has had four published and forthcoming publications in economics journals during the six years since he earned his Ph.D., the accessible curriculum vitae of tenured faculty

indicates that they had, on average, slightly more: 4.5 publications in economics journals during their first six years. Haulman had no comment on the analysis, other than that both quantity and quality were important.

“I have very much enjoyed working at William and Mary and am grateful for the opportunity the College gave me,” Gerlach said. “In every class I taught, there were bright and well-motivated students who made teaching an enjoyable experience. Although I will undoubtedly miss the students at William and Mary, I am very excited about my new position at the SKK Graduate School of Business

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JONATHAN SEIDEN • THE FLAT HAT
Despite being a student favorite, Professor Jeffrey Gerlach did not receive tenure and will be leaving the College.

Groundbreaking



ALEX HAGLUND • THE FLAT HAT
The College’s Mason School of Business celebrated its groundbreaking March 30. The building is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009.

For town and gown, politics differ

By ANDY GARDEN
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

There exists a stereotype that the College community tends to be more liberal than the Williamsburg community, but opinions differ on whether this impacts town and gown relations.

Administrators and professors who live in the community are less likely to believe that the ideological gap between the College and Williamsburg is important. Students are more likely to sense a gap that affects relations.

“The only thing that I’ve noticed is that during the Wren cross deal there were a lot of [alumni] writing in,” said John Gay, a freshman. “A lot of alums live here, but you can’t really say that makes them more conservative. I don’t know if it’s really local, either.”

Freshman Max Faubion, a Williamsburg resident, said that he noticed an ideological gap be-

tween the city and the College. “[Some people] seemed pretty outraged about the Sex Workers’ Art Show, and they were condemning [College President] Gene Nichol about it,” he said.

Neither went so far as to say that an ideological difference was a major factor in town and gown relations. Both students cited lack of interaction as a possible factor.

“We have more interaction with the tourists [than town members],” Faubion added.

Voting records indicate a rather large gap. In the 2005 gubernatorial election, 98.9 percent of campaign donations from College professors went to Democrat Tim Kaine.

While Kaine carried the City of Williamsburg by a margin of 60.5 percent to 36.7 percent (over Republican Jerry Kilgore), Kaine won James City County by a margin of only 101 votes, or 0.5 percent, and Kilgore carried York County with 52.2 percent, according to the Virginia

State Board of Elections.

Government professor John McGlennon said that may not matter very much in the College’s relations with the town.

“As is always true of more established folks, there’s going to be skepticism about more controversial issues,” he said. “I don’t think [recent controversies have] changed the attitude toward the College fundamentally.”

“We’re [in] an area that has grown rapidly, and I think the College is attractive to newcomers. They want to be in a college community because it’s intellectually stimulating and there’s more going on than in a typical small town,” McGlennon added.

Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler agreed with his assessment. “I’ll be honest. I don’t know that [the ideological gap] has a

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Corrections

An article last Friday about the loss of elections results said that former Student Information Network Director Will Cline graduated in 2005. He graduated in 2006.

The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the section editor in which the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.

Weather

Tuesday



High 83°
Low 62°

Wednesday



High 83°
Low 44°

Thursday



High 61°
Low 38°

Source: www.weather.com

Quotes of the Week

“I have been having emotions ranging from ebullience to devastation to paranoia”
- Valerie Hopkins, ‘09, on winning the SA election
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“He has made a subject that I did not think would be interesting, to the point I would actually consider taking economics as a major.”
- Joe Hart, ‘10, about Gerlach’s Econ 101 class
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News in Brief

Muscarelle wants to raise \$1 million

According to William and Mary News, the Muscarelle Museum of Art is trying to raise \$1 million for an endowment for special exhibitions. Members of its board of directors are pledging to donate 50 percent of the funds if supporters provide the other half.

— by Austin Wright

County makes up for public school budget shortage

According to The Daily Press, James City County plans to keep tax rates steady for its citizens. However, the county’s budget then shows the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools’ budget falling short by \$1.75 million.

In order to make up revenues, and unable to raise retail cigarette taxes, the County has been forced to raise rezoning fees, emergency medical services, traffic violations,etc.

— by Josh Barr

By the Numbers

1,200 acres

The amount of land owned by the College, including Lake Matoaka and the College Woods. In 1994, the state of Virginia considered selling 340 acres consisting of the woods and lake Matoaka but decided not to after opposition from the College and the city.

4

The number of ranks by which the College’s Marshall-Wythe School of Law fell in U.S. News and World Report’s 2008 rankings, dropping from 27 to 31.

1,500 percent

The increase in the hard disk space from the first iPod, released in 2001, to a similarly priced ipod today. The original had 5 gigabytes,

63.9 percent

Google’s share of U.S. internet searches, according to hitwise.com, a data collection company. Yahoo comes in second place with 21.5 percent.

80 percent

The proportion of time during the NCAA championship game that the Florida Gators were ahead of the Ohio State Buckeyes. After gaining the lead 12 minutes into the first half, they never lost it. The final score was 84 to 75.

— by Maxim Lott



COURTESY PHOTO • WIKIPEDIA COMMONS — MATTHEW HENDRICKS
Georgetown University has been accused of recruiting students with subpar academic records.

BEYOND THE BURG

Georgetown recruit scores 600 on SAT

By MORGAN FIGA
FLAT HAT ASSOC. NEWS EDITOR

After Georgetown’s successful run to the Final Four, Assistant Coach Kevin Broadus was named head basketball coach at Binghamton University last Monday. Broadus came under fire after the New York Times reported that one of the players he recruited, Marc Egerson, received an F as a final grade in 12 courses at his Delaware public high school.

The Times reported that Egerson had a grade point average of 1.33 in core subjects such as math, science and English. Not only did he never receive a grade higher than a C in these classes, but he also failed physical education freshman year. While at the public high school, his SAT score was in the 600s.

Egerson was recruited after he achieved a better academic standing at Lutheran Christian Academy, a private prep school in Philadelphia. He received a scholarship to play on the

Georgetown basketball team in 2005. He left the Hoyas in January, transferring to the University of Delaware. Delaware’s coach, Monte Ross, who recruited Egerson, told the Times that he had “absolutely positively not” failed out of Georgetown.

When Binghamton’s Athletic Director Joel Thirer heard that Broadus had recruited Egerson, he told the Times, “Georgetown University accepted a kid like that? Wow.”

John J. DeGioia, Georgetown University’s president, defended Egerson’s admission.

“Marc fit very well into the Georgetown community,” he said, according to the Times. “There was never a question of his being a part of this community.”

When a Times reporter offered to show him Egerson’s public high school transcript, DeGioia refused.

“It wouldn’t matter if I saw it now,” he said.

While most collegiate coaches refuse to recruit players from

Lutheran Christian, the Times reported that Broadus recruited several other players from the unaccredited prep school.

Georgetown does not allow its assistant coaches to speak to the news media, and requests by the New York Times to interview Broadus were declined.

John Kaszuba, a student with a 1170 on the SAT, told the Times that he was admitted because he played football.

The former Georgetown student body president Nick Murchison told the Times that most students and teachers were not concerned with the situation.

“To be honest with you, I think as long as they win, that’s the most important thing for most people,” he said.

After the NCAA heard about the players Broadus recruited, as well as several other similar incidents, they changed rules regarding unaccredited prep schools in 2006. Transcripts for potential athletes are no longer accepted from Lutheran Christian at NCAA sanctioned schools.

This week in Flat Hat history

1932

The College’s aeronautics department completed what the United States Department of Commerce Aeronautics branch rated as one of America’s largest air markers painted on the roofs of Old Dominion and Monroe Halls, each 225 feet in length. The markers were painted with standard colors: chrome yellow characters on a black background.

1977

Campus Police announced that they were going to begin harsher enforcement of bike violations on campus. After numerous complaints from automobile drivers about cyclists causing traffic problems, the police decided that stricter enforcement was in order. Prior to the complaints, police attempted to educate violators.

1984

Campus Police evacuated Blair Hall after someone called in a bomb threat. Police found an inert practice grenade on the second floor. They did not find any other bomb paraphernalia. A college secretary received a phone call from an individual who said they were with the Palestine Support group and had placed a bomb near the vending machines. Another secretary found the practice grenade underneath a soda machine.

1999

The national executive board revoked Kappa Sigma’s charter at the College. Kappa Sigma was under investigation by the College for \$4,000 of damage incurred at their house, Unit H. Police discovered extensive damage to ceiling tiles, smoke detectors and heat detectors.

— compiled by Morgan Figa

STREET BEAT

What do you think about professor tenure?



I always think there should be consequences available if someone does something wrong.

Ginny Burk, freshman



I think it’s better than [using] visiting professors, most of them end up being terrible.

Andrew Foiles, sophomore



Most of the tenured professors I’ve had have been really high quality.

Victoria Howell, senior



There ought to be some reward for remaining here on minimal pay.

Helen Greenbacker, sophomore

— photos and interviews by Virginia Newton

CITY POLICE BEAT

Mar. 25 to Mar. 26

Sunday, March 25 — A 32-year-old male was arrested at 300 Roland Street and charged with the unauthorized use of a

vehicle. He reportedly used a 1996 red Pontiac Grand Am without permission from its owner. The suspect was described as a black male, 6’3” in height, 300 pounds with brown eyes and black hair.

— A 22-year-old male was arrested at

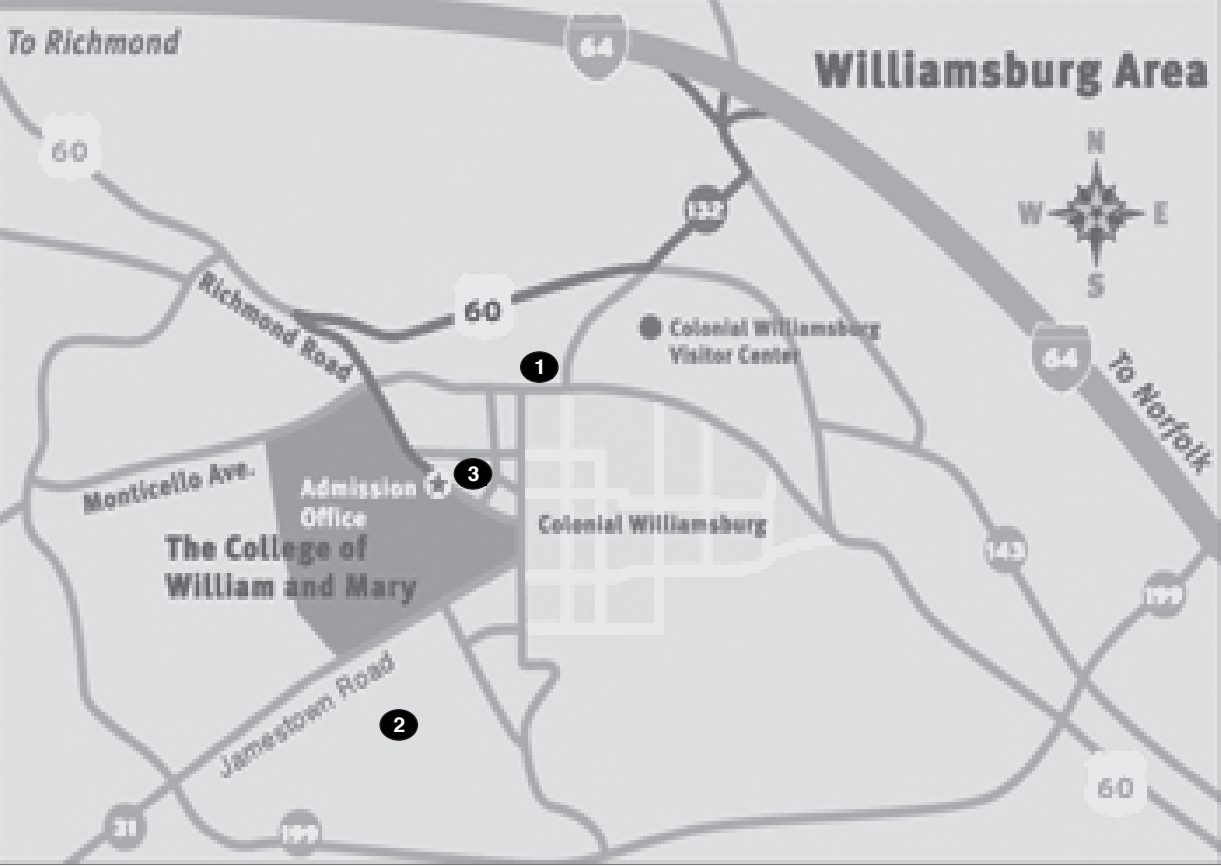
100 Lake Powell Road and was charged with driving under the influence, refusing to submit to a blood test, driving with a suspended license and obstructing justice. In a struggle with officers, the suspect was injured and had a cut on his chin. The suspect was

described as a white male, 5’10” in height, weighing 230 pounds with blue eyes and brown hair.

Monday, March 26 — A 23-year-old female was arrested at an undisclosed location on Lafayette Street and charged with driving with a suspended license. It was her second offense.

The suspect was pulled over after failing to yield the right of way at an intersection. The suspect was described as a black female, 5’3” in height, weighing 160 pounds with brown eyes and brown hair.

— compiled by Morgan Figa



Friends, family celebrate life with scholarship

McGlothlin, '01, was killed in Iraq in October 2005

By ELIZA MURPHY
THE FLAT HAT

This May, the first \$2,000 scholarship in honor of 1st Marine Lt. Donald Ryan McGlothlin, '00, will be awarded. McGlothlin died Oct. 16, 2005 in Ubaydi, Iraq.

Geoff David, McGlothlin's roommate at the College, came up with the idea to establish a scholarship in his honor. The scholarship is for a deserving senior from McGlothlin's high school, Lebanon High School in Lebanon, Va., who best exhibits McGlothlin's personality and talents.

Friends and family participated in the Marine Corps Marathon and 10K in McGlothlin's honor last October to raise money for the scholarship by enlisting sponsors for their runs.

"It was a very small thing to do, something I had to do because I really liked and admired Ryan and I could not stop thinking about all the people Ryan had not yet gotten to meet ... I feel bad for those people," Catherine Koebel, '00, a friend of McGlothlin's who participated in the marathon,

said.

Ten people completed the marathon and six finished the 10K. Fourteen others came to support the runners. Over \$14,000 was raised to benefit the scholarship. This October, several more are expected to participate, and the scholarship will grow as funds allow.

"In the more than eight years I knew Ryan, I never once heard a negative word said about him," friend Shelley Gentry said. "I feel I have never known a better person. If you needed someone to talk to, he was there. If you needed someone to laugh with, he was there. If you needed someone to help you out, to listen, to party with, to watch the game with, he was there."

At Lebanon High School, friend Shelley Gentry said, McGlothlin was valedictorian of his class. At the College, he was a chemistry major and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated in the top 15 in his class and was chosen to assist the chemistry department chair with research for NASA, which brought national

media attention to the College.

McGlothlin participated in ROTC at the College but had to leave the program when the Army found out that he had suffered a childhood respiratory problem.

"This devastated him because he had always wanted to join the military to serve his country," Don McGlothlin, McGlothlin's father, said. "Yet, he never gave up the notion that one day he might be able to serve. He consoled himself with the thought that he had not really wanted to join the Army anyway. He had really always wanted to be a Marine, the best fighting force the world has ever known."

December 4, 2005, President Bush recognized Ryan as an example of the bravery of the American men and women fighting in Iraq and read a copy of the poem Ryan carried with him every day entitled "Don't Quit."

Contributions to the scholarship can be made to: Ryan McGlothlin Scholarship Fund. Money can be sent to: Lebanon High School, P.O. Box 217, Lebanon, VA 24266.



CASEY SKULLY • THE FLAT HAT
McGlothlin's friends and family participate in last October's Marine Corps Marathon and 10K in honor of the fallen Marine.

College tenure

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in Seoul, South Korea ... For both professional and financial reasons, this is a great opportunity for me and I can't wait to get started."

Another assistant professor, Sara LaLumina, is also leaving the department next year. Two new assistant professors, who are both expected to receive their Ph.D.'s from the University of Michigan this spring have been hired.

Pilchen, Hopkins will lead Student Assembly

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STUDENT ASSEMBLY WINNERS

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Zach Pilchen and Valerie Hopkins

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Devan Barber
Joe Luppino-Esposito
Tiseme Zegeye

REFERENDA
Judicial Reform I: YES
Judicial Reform II: NO
Laundry Service: YES
Women in SA: NO
Drugs and Safety: ALCOHOL
Campus Police: YES

could have voted for him as well.

After a push for gender equality in the senate — including a referendum question asking whether the two undergraduate females in the senate adequately represented the student body — four of the nine women running for senate won.

"I definitely feel like the senate is looking in the direction more of expressing a wide array of views," sophomore Caroline Mullis, one of the four winning females, said, noting that women add a necessary perspective to discussion of issues such as sexual assault.

Elections Commissioner senior James Evans, who caused the delay in election results through the press of a wrong button Thursday night, said he is unsure whether the entire election will be contested due to his mishap.

"I have the utmost faith in these results," he said. "It's funny now, but that does not mean that for the past three days I haven't been agonizing over myself deleting those results."

LEAP

Leadership Program

The Radical LEAP

Wednesday, April 4th
UC - James Room
4:15 - 5:30 PM

Questions - Please Contact Eric Eickhoff - eeickhoff@wm.edu

‘America in the world’ highlights Darfur efforts

By BRIAN MAHONEY
THE FLAT HAT

America is everywhere, even in Darfur, history professor Paula Pickering says.

So it was no surprise when the international relations department unveiled their March speakers for the one-credit seminar course "America in the World" — activists and intellectuals Adam Shapiro and John Prendergast.

The two, who spoke last Friday night in the Hospitality House, have helped bring the crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan to the American conscious.

Prendergast held a lecture entitled "Darfur: documenting and confronting genocide," and Shapiro screened his 2006 documentary "Darfur Diaries: Message from Home." Both talks highlighted the effects of the Janjaweed — Arab-speaking Sudanese nomads — that have wreaked havoc in the region since 2003.

The Sudanese government has exacerbated the conflict, financially supporting the rebels and randomly bombing the Darfur region over the past four years.

Prendergast is senior advisor to the International Crisis Group, a non-profit, non-governmental organization that uses field studies and international advocacy to resolve violent conflicts throughout the world. He spoke about the importance of international relief efforts, even through small-scale, student efforts.

"It is startling to me that in Darfur today, after four years of genocide, that we have absolutely no idea how many Darfurians have died, as the Sahara desert slowly covers up the greatest

crime of the 21st century," Prendergast said.

Prendergast outlined "three p's" that can prevent future atrocities: promoting peace, protecting people, and punishing perpetrators. He noted that a "vast preponderance" of those killed in Darfur are women and children, and that the violence is spreading into countries that border Sudan, including Chad and the Central African Republic.

He also said that students could help ameliorate the conflict by boycotting companies that invest in Sudan, and investigating the College to see if it is involved in such investments.

After the lecture, Shapiro screened "Darfur Diaries," an hour-long documentary filmed in Oct. 2004 with independent filmmakers Aisha Bain and Jen Marlowe.

Shapiro was previously the Country Director in Afghanistan for Global Rights, an international human rights organization.

He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in International Relations at American University.

Shapiro's film did not have a narrator, but instead relied on its subjects — Darfuri men, women and children — to tell the story of genocide.

The film also emphasized the mental impact of the violence on the Darfuri population. In addition to the countless deaths and injuries, random Janjaweed raids and government bombings have caused post-traumatic stress disorder among a large part of the population.

Pickering said that she was pleased with the two speakers and noted the importance of the

lecture for the "America in the World" theme.

"Darfur is an extremely pertinent topic because the U.S. government has already been involved in Darfur in several ways — including imposing unilateral sanctions against Sudan," Pickering said. "There is also an active and high-level debate within the U.S. foreign policy community and at the grass-roots level about what the U.S. responsibility is, and capabilities are, to get more actively involved in stopping the atrocities. This debate also involves critical debates about how the U.S. acts in the world, particularly the debate about unilateral versus multilateral action."

Pickering also said that a goal of the course was to encourage students to realize their responsibility as global citizens, "part of an increasingly interconnected world."

"[This idea is] particularly relevant when we are in the midst of a global human rights catastrophe," Pickering said.

The course has two speakers remaining. Peter Katzenstein, the Walter S. Carpenter, Jr. Professor of International Studies at Cornell University will speak about international anti-Americanism April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Hospitality House. Joschka Fischer — former German foreign minister and Vice Chancellor — will speak Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m. also in the Hospitality House.

The international relations dept. is planning a complementary seminar for the Fall 2007 semester, entitled "The World in America."

Over 100 students are enrolled in the current course.



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Weighing the impact of political rift

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lot of impact. I don't hear discussions about 'those liberal people' or 'those conservative people.' I don't sense that as much of an issue," he said.

Both McGlennon and Sadler noted that the community and the College have become more interwoven since they arrived at the College. According to Sadler, as Williamsburg has grown and become more affluent, the traditional classifications of College, Colonial Williamsburg and everyone else, has broken down.

"We're much closer now. I've seen the community rally around issues that have surprised us. For example, when Preston Hall burned a few years ago, thousands of dollars poured in to cover uninsured student losses," Sadler said.

Sadler said that while divisions still exist, such as the

disagreement over student housing, many are not as contentious as they were a few years ago.

"Twenty years ago, the College was more Republican than the surrounding area," McGlennon said. "Our student body has changed. I'd say in many ways the College and the community have grown more similar."

"We live in the community," Sadler said. He noted that ideology "is not generally how you begin relationships [with members of your town]."

"Even if it were true — and I'm not sure that it's true — that there was this huge ideological gulf, we still have over 4,000 employees," Sadler said.

Whether this gulf exists or not, everyone is in agreement that closer cooperation between the College and the community was in the best interest of all parties.

"The more common ground we have, the better we can achieve things we all want," Sadler said.

Under the MICROSCOPE

◆ GEOLOGISTS UNEARTHING BLACKBEARD'S QUEEN ANNE'S REVENGE

By ETHAN THEUERKAUF
THE FLAT HAT

Understanding the composition and morphology of the sea floor can be useful for a variety of scientific purposes, but it can also be useful in unearthing archaeological treasures, such the pirate Blackbeard's ship, the Queen Anne's Revenge.

The ship, which ran aground in 1718 while entering Beaufort Inlet, was believed to have sunk in very shallow water depths (around 3.5 meters). Currently, what is believed to be the wreckage lies in around seven meters of water, which led researchers Jesse E. McNinch, John T. Wells and Arthur C. Trembanis to study the processes that may account for the subsidence of the ship, as well as its preservation (the ship remains almost entirely intact, and artifacts appear at a uniform depth horizon on the sea floor).

Tidal inlets, like Beaufort Inlet, are controlled by a combination of tidal-, wave- and storm-driven currents. These currents create a process known as scour, which is responsible for burying objects such as shipwrecks.

Scour is the process in which currents create vortices around an underwater object that dig the sediments out from around the object. The object then begins to settle into the scour pit and continues to settle until the object no longer obstructs the flow of currents. During calm water conditions the scour pit can fill with sediments, burying the object.

The researchers used a combination of dive observations, side-scan sonar and swath bathymetry surveys to determine the response of different sized artifacts to scour processes. The researchers determined that artifacts in this inlet are most likely to be disturbed by large-scale events such as hurricanes, and that most of the time the inlet is quiet and incapable of producing conditions that would create

scour. In a hurricane, the rubble mound (the main hull of the ship), cannons and cannon balls would be completely scoured, but in other events such as nor'easters, only cannons and cannonballs could be scoured.

The explanation for why a ship that is believed to have sunk in waters of 3.5 meters could now be laying in seven meters of water lies in the sequence of scouring and settling at the wreck site. Any event that could rapidly lower the sea floor (such as a hurricane) could expose the wreck after being buried, initiates more scouring. This new scouring will increase bottom depth and lower the wreckage down even farther.

According to "Predicting the Fate of Artifacts in Energetic, Shallow Marine Environments: An Approach to Site Management" by McNinch, Wells and Trembanis, the Queen Anne's Revenge is creating a large scour depression, which is enhanced by hurricane events, such as Hurricane Bonnie in 1998. The ship has not fully settled into this depression possibly because it is sitting on top of an erosion-resistant layer, which may result in future degradation by chemical, biological or physical conditions.

The sequence of rapid scour and settling offers a major part of the explanation for why this ship remained undiscovered for so long and suggests that there may be more shipwrecks and artifacts that are buried under the sea floor that may be exposed by scour processes in the future.

McNinch, Wells and Trembanis suggest that the tales of storms washing ships ashore after being buried for decades may be at least partially explained by strong currents moving over an erosion-resistant sediment layer, resulting in exposure of the wreck rather than scouring around the wreck.

Studies such as this offer hope for finding more buried treasures that will help us better understand maritime history.

ROTC students to earn more credit

ROTC *from page 1*

the University of Virginia, George Mason University and Christopher Newport University (which participates in the same ROTC battalion as the College) all earn full credit for ROTC courses.

"By studying lighting techniques for one semester, I can earn the same number of credits it takes me two years to earn in ROTC. Talk about discouraging," Pinsker said in a Young America's Foundation

press release.

Only cadets who have signed to enter the military after graduation are paid. Many ROTC participants, including Pinsker, receive no financial compensation.

The bill has generated attention from national media. Pinsker has been invited onto the G. Gordon Liddy radio talk show, Sean Hannity's radio show and the Hannity and Colmes television show.

"William and Mary offers us yet another example of anti-mili-

tary bias on campus. If the decision-makers at William and Mary really care about 'Supporting the Troops,' they need to offer full course credit for ROTC immediately, like other state-sponsored institutions in Virginia do," army veteran Flagg Youngblood said in the Young America's Foundation press release.

"The bill is extremely logical," Beato said. "ROTC cadets take classes just like the rest of us; why shouldn't they receive full credit?"

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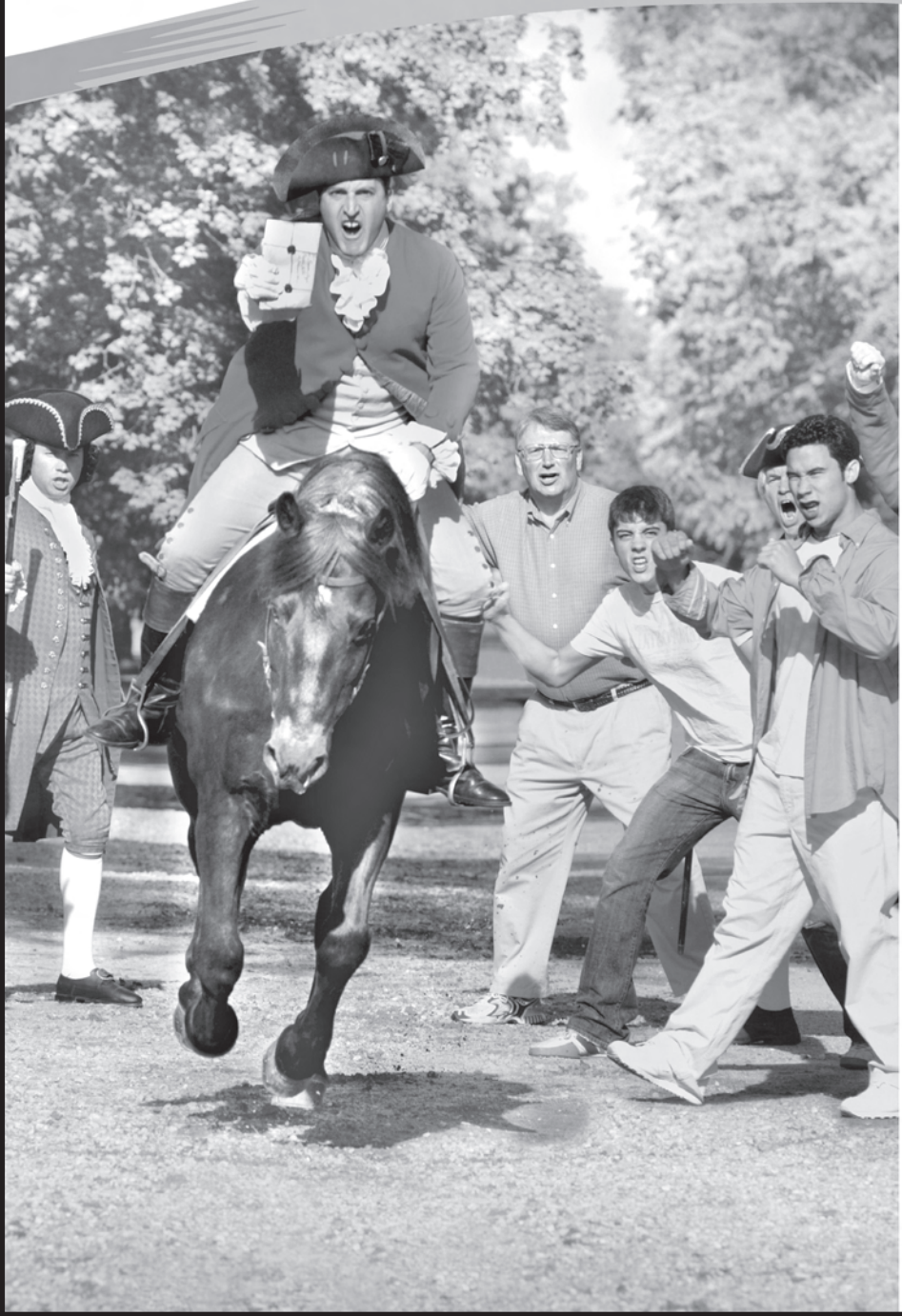
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OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

New goals for new exec

After several days of suspense, sophomores Zach Pilchen and Valerie Hopkins have emerged as the new Student Assembly president- and vice president-elect. While we welcome the potential for a new era of student politics, the newly elected representatives do not have time to rest on their laurels, and the students they represent must demand accountability and action in relation to their concerns. Students are being treated as second-class citizens by the city of Williamsburg, alcohol and sexual assault policies remain a concern for many and students have grown increasingly apathetic toward SA proceedings. These issues, and a host of others, require prompt and dedicated attention.

The current town and gown situation is an issue that is both contentious and dear to the student body. As a major rallying cry used by Pilchen during his campaign, the issue of student voting rights, modification of the three-person housing rule and generally improved relations with city administrators are goals that must be pursued expediently. We recognize that Pilchen and Hopkins' connections with the city are a question mark for some. However, Pilchen will now have the opportunity to cultivate working relationships with city officials in this pivotal time. Furthermore, his tenacity has been admirable over the past year and during the campaign, at times his activist and demanding approach can be less effective in real-world politics, and it would be prudent for next year's SA executive to tackle city issues in a diplomatic and reasonable way.

With regard to campus alcohol policy and sexual assault issues, there are perhaps no two subjects that are more controversial. Pilchen and Hopkins mentioned sexual assault in their platform, and the issue is clearly one

to which student voters have responded. The creation of a female-centered, special interest housing option and re-examination of existing policies are certainly good starting points, but it will take much more than a review of the current policy's shortcomings to move forward. Education must be revamped and expanded, not just for freshmen, but for all social classes. We look forward to a continuing dialogue on this important topic.

Alcohol policy is arguably the more challenging of the two subjects, particularly since effective reform involves working closely with a College administration that is fearful of change. Many senators ran on tickets that advocated honest and functioning medical amnesty

for alcohol violations, and we hope that these candidates will work with Pilchen to ensure that this is accomplished. However, alcohol policies at a state institution and Campus Police's role in enforcing these policies are not

likely to bend easily. Our representatives must be careful to avoid a stalemate with Campus Police and the College administration and understand that even the smallest change in alcohol policy is sorely needed.

We hope that students will see an improvement in SA efficiency during Pilchen's term as president. A responsible executive is important, but a lean set of functioning committees is also necessary to accomplish the goals of the new administration. The internal bickering of the senate, though not necessarily a reflection of its leaders, must cease immediately for the benefit of the students it represents, and we hope that Pilchen will be instrumental in enhancing the credibility and level of accomplishment of all members.

Our new leaders must hit the ground running. There is much work to be done.

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The Flat Hat welcomes submissions to the Opinions section. Letters to the Editor and Opinions columns are due at 5 p.m. Sunday for publication the following Tuesday and at 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday. All submissions must be typed and double-spaced, and must include the author's name, telephone number and any relevant titles or affiliations with campus or national groups. Letters may be no more than 300 words; columns may not be less than 500 words nor more than 700. Letters must be e-mailed to opinions@flathatnews.com. The Flat Hat reserves the right to edit all material. Because of space limitations, The Flat Hat may not publish all submissions. The Flat Hat Editorial Board meets before each issue to discuss the position taken by editorials. Unsigned editorials are written by a designated member of the Editorial Board. All Board editorials reflect the consensus of the Editorial Board. Letters, columns, graphics and cartoons reflect the view of the author only.

Dishonest Honor Council

Crises often arise when public institutions act like private clubs. Because I believe that transparency is the key to accountability in public institutions, I spent the last few weeks investigating the law school Honor Council's lack of transparency. I interviewed law school Honor Council members, former members, students, administrators and other key players. present my findings with the hope that the College community will demand reform and restore the public trust.

When I confronted newly appointed Chief Justice Ryan Brady Mar. 8 with evidence that the law school Honor Council has not submitted summaries of Council proceedings to campus newspapers for at least two semesters, a violation of Section 9 of the Honor Code, he told me, "No. There were no open hearings." Asked for clarification, Brady said, "We don't have to submit anything if there are no open hearings."

In a follow-up interview last Wednesday, however, Brady retracted his earlier statement that "there were no open hearings," acknowledging to me that the law school Honor Council had held an open hearing on Mar. 2, 2006. "The first hearing we had in years was last year," Brady admitted. He also abandoned his initial claim that the disclosure requirement in Section 9 only applies to "open" hearings when presented with the passage's explicit reference to "all" hearings.

Outgoing Chief Justice Leondras Webster also admitted to me that the law school Honor Council had not strictly complied with the public notice section of the Honor Code. Webster declined to answer my question why he had not, as Chief Justice, sent to the press a summary of Honor Council proceedings either this semester or last semester.

Section 9 of the Honor Code states: "At the beginning of each semester, the Chief Justices of the respective Honor Councils shall compile a brief summary of the cases, charges, verdicts and sanctions for all Honor Code hearings conducted the previous semester. The compilations shall be sent to the editors of The Flat Hat, William and Mary News and other campus publications selected by the Council of Chairs, together with a request that the compilations be printed or broadcast in a conspicuous yet tasteful manner. The compilations shall contain no names or other identifying student information."

The Advocate, The Flat Hat and William and Mary News all advised me that they did not receive anything from the law school Honor Council at the beginning of either the fall 2006 or spring 2007 semesters that could possibly be construed as a "summary of the cases, charges, verdicts and sanctions for all Honor Code hearings."

Some law students, including Student Bar Association President Sarah Fulton, expressed concern when I asked them for their thoughts on the law school Honor

Council's failure to comply with Section 9 of the Honor Code. "As a whole, the people on the Honor Council should be the most well-versed on the Honor Code," Fulton told me. Although no justice has ever been removed, Fulton said that she will do what is necessary to keep the Honor Council "honorable." "I feel that the Honor Council needs to maintain its integrity at all times, and I would be willing to aid that," she said.

Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler promised to raise the issue of university-wide reform with Assistant Dean for Judicial Affairs Dave Gilbert. "I can't imagine why this couldn't be corrected in some fashion," Sadler told me. "I will ask Dean Gilbert to convene a meeting of the Chief Justices to agree among themselves how they are going to meet the community obligation of notification."

Gilbert explained to me that while all six Honor Councils at the College have an obligation to publish summaries of proceedings each semester, some schools have been more conscientious about complying with Section 9 than others. The Council of Chairs, a body composed of the Chief Justices from each school, "has

not been particularly active." Gilbert astutely pointed out, however, that "the intention behind [Section 9] is transparency."

Sadler suggested that while the decentralized nature of the Honor Councils tended to produce dis-

parate compliance with Section 9, the Council of Chairs could solve the problem by jointly releasing a summary of proceedings at the beginning of each semester. "An easy short answer would be to do it as a single compilation, but there could be other ways to do it," Sadler said.

Unlike the law school Honor Council, the undergraduate Honor Council strictly adheres to the biannual public notice requirements of the Honor Code newly elected Chair Judd Kennedy, a junior, said. "We take the case digest, we censor the names of accused students and we provide it to campus publications, faculty members and interested students," he said. Going above and beyond Section 9, the undergraduate Honor Council also conducts regular seminars for faculty, multiple orientation meetings for freshmen and mock Honor Council hearings.

Fulton urged students not to judge the law school based on its Honor Council's failure to strictly adhere to the Honor Code's public notice requirements. "As a whole, we are a very honorable school," Fulton said.

Sadler, for his part, seemed mystified when I told him about Brady's assertion that Section 9 does not apply to closed hearings. "In all the time I've been here, there has never been a distinction between open and closed hearings," he said.

While few of us will stand in judgment before an Honor Council, we share a common interest in ensuring that all six Honor Councils strictly abide by the Honor Code's public notice provision. Since the only way to ensure accountability is through transparency, we must come together to demand reform and restore the public trust.

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By NATE BURGESS, FLAT HAT GRAPHICS EDITOR

Big win for all women

Phew. Women across the country may be able to finally rest easy now that the American government's federal family planning agency is no longer run by an anti-choice fanatic. Thursday, the media

began reporting that Eric Keroack, head of the Health and Human Services' Office of Population Affairs since November 2006, decided to resign from his post following legal action by Massachusetts Medicaid officials. I, however, prefer to believe that the resignation was due to his total lack of reason and sanity. I mean, I know this is a Republican administration, so I tend to disagree with a lot of its policies, but this guy is a serious nutjob.

Back in November when Keroack was appointed by President Bush, the decision was heavily criticized by pro-choice, pro-family planning women's health organizations such as Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice America. Not only is this guy adamantly anti-choice (unlike the majority of

Americans), he doesn't even support contraception — not even for married couples. The policy statement of the crisis pregnancy centers he runs asserts that "the crass commercialization and distribution of birth control is demeaning to women, degrading of human sexuality and adverse to human health and happiness." Yeah, I know. It gets worse.

His ring of Massachusetts crisis pregnancy centers called "A Woman's Concern" also claims that women who get abortions are at a 50 percent increased risk of developing breast cancer. This "abortion-breast cancer" link has been disproved and discarded by the medical community (you know, such radical, liberally biased publications as the New England Journal of Medicine and the National Cancer Institute), but Keroack presents it

as fact to women looking for help and advice about unintended pregnancies.

And this man was put in charge of a \$283 million annual budget specifically put in place to provide low-income women with accurate family planning information and safe contraception? For my conservative readers, that would be like putting Michael Moore in charge of the war in Iraq — asinine. Just because the president apparently doesn't believe in women's sexual health and safety doesn't mean he should be allowed to circumvent the actual institutions of the United States to further his own political goals.

Okay, so back to "A Woman's Concern." I know that not all crisis pregnancy centers in this country are biased and manipulative, but the ones run by Keroack make me sick. They claim to provide "complete, accurate information" to women and couples making decisions about unintended pregnancies. Oh, come on. The reason why his centers

even exist is specifically to not give "complete, accurate information" about women's options (that's what Planned Parenthood already does). They vehemently discourage abortion, and it is their official

policy to provide zero information about birth control. I think we could probably define the information they disseminate as "incomplete" and "inaccurate." Let me just say it one more time: these people are lying to women, and that is terrible.

But hey, no need to further dwell on Keroack's repugnant politics, dishonesty and lack of respect for women. For the time being, Evelyn Kappeler, current acting deputy director for Population Affairs, will take over his position. No one is quite sure what her opinions are on accurate medical information and women's health and safety, but hopefully she's for it. Honestly, we have nowhere to go but up.

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Baldies beware

After a brief hiatus, the powers that be at The Flat Hat have bequeathed upon me the chance to write another column. As always, it's an exciting opportunity. So I thought I should devote my words this week to a significant campus issue: hair.

As someone with a slowly receding hairline, I notice hairstyles more than your average Joe. The first thing I notice about people is how their hair looks like — how they part it, what color it is, how thick their follicles are and whether they, too, have a thinning coif. What a tiresome habit.

Unfortunately for me and my balding brethren, there's a stigma attached to hairlessness. We balding men look sickly compared to our thick-haired acquaintances. Sure there might be exceptions to this rule (Vin Diesel being one), but as a whole, thinness up top implies incapacitation.

To me, the most quintessentially bald man is Professor Xavier. My fellow nerds and I know him as the cueballed paraplegic from the X-Men comic books. The wheelchair bound Xavier is one of the most powerful telepaths in the world. How's that for irony? The guy can't even walk, yet he can control other minds. Like any good baldie, Xavier can't rely on his looks or physical ability to get by. Instead, he hones his intellect as one hell of a crutch.

Too bad no one ever told Professor Xavier that girls don't dig nerds. Telepath or not, looks really do count for a lot. In everyday situations, people don't take the time to judge you based only on the person you are inside. Snap judgments make all

of life more manageable, albeit significantly more superficial. It's a time issue.

Instead of trying to be better people on the inside, all the baldies out there better start worrying about how they look. There are three simple rules one must never break in managing thinning hair. Rule number one: don't fashion a comb-over. Rule number two: don't fashion a comb-over. Rule number three: don't fashion a comb-over. I hope my recommendation sticks, because you're only fooling yourself if you think combing your sideburns onto your forehead will convince anyone.

A comb-over will only draw more attention to your hairlessness. People will be drawn to the amalgamation of neck and back hair calling your head home. "Does that man have a dead rat on his head?" someone will say. "No, that's a comb-over," his friend will respond, implying that your head would, in fact, look better with a dead rat upon it.

Aside from avoiding a comb-over, everything else is fair game. Embrace your lack of hair anyway you see fit. If you have a nicely shaped dome, go bald. If your skull has an ape-like ridge, consider wearing a funny hat. Pretty soon you could be that guy who wears wacky hats. Baldness could be your ticket to campus fame. My favorite solution is to join the business school and get a job that will pay for hair replacement surgery.

Whichever way you cut it, we're all going to lose our hair sometime. It's part of getting older. Let's all start embracing the baldies we're becoming. Just make sure you look good doing it. For your sake, not mine.

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CONFUSION CORNER

Spring fever raises relationship questions

So I was watching “The Hills” the other day ...

I’m sorry. I promise never to start a column with those words ever again.



Charlotte Savino

But I was watching “The Hills” the other day, and Lauren said that she was getting back into the swing of dating and waiting for her prince charming to come. Whether or not this was one of the scripted moments the producers wanted, I began to think about why any of us are in relationships at all. Perhaps it’s best we’re not.

Take a look at your relationship for a moment. Chances are you don’t see yourself spending the rest of your life with that person — and if you do ... well, you already know my position on crazy-young engagements. But just because you don’t want to marry your beau, is that a reason to break up? What’s the threshold past which relationships have to “go somewhere”?

In a generation of hook-ups, talking and dating distinction, who needs the added stress of another set of needs contributing to the stress of being a student? Or is it more stressful being single?

I would have to say no. For all of the griping about wanting to be in a relationship, nobody feels more wanted than a young single student. Every event becomes a prowl, an eye-contact game or just a numbers tally. As someone attached, all of that thrill goes away or at least elicits guilt.

Life’s just a little more interesting when everyone is a possibility — whether or not anything comes of it. Every decision is utterly and gloriously selfish, social plans are in your own best interest, summer jobs and locations are based on your individual needs and nobody has to sacrifice anything for the relationship. When so many decisions are made in these formative years, who wants to make a decision based on a potentially transient sweetheart?

Then there are those people trapped in relationships because they fear the breakup. Consider your hanger-on barnacle of a not-so-significant other as a splinter. Go ahead and hobble around (it’s a splinter in your foot, let’s say) for a month or so, but eventually you’ve just got to go in, dig around and

squeeze that sucker out. Sure, there may be blood, tetanus or a staff infection, but all that might have occurred if you had been passive in the process. You need to consider what would be worse, getting rid of the splinter yourself or letting the splinter decide get rid of you first.

Perhaps you’ve found yourself in a relationship in which you never meant to be in the first place. Sometimes attachments grow like goiters because of some vitamin deficiency — a vitamin I (for independence). What if your cyst-friend swallows you up, and you didn’t even plan on a relationship of any kind, let alone a dependency. First the goiter holds your hand, introduces you to its friends, prefers cuddling to sex and then, suddenly, when you start to make decisions jointly, the goiter begins to run your life. Can you break up with someone you never intended to be with?

This thought brings me back to the way so many of us hold relationships as part of routine, habit, the low-grade annoyance of the quotidian. We are too young and vibrant to be stuck in a rut already. If sitcoms have taught us anything, it is the complacency of middle age.

It’s spring; nature is at its most promiscuous. Celebrate the season with a new style, a fresh bounce in your step achieved only from the knowledge of your own reclaimed flirting capabilities. I say it’s time for a little spring cleaning, but don’t throw away a classic piece.

Ask yourself if you actively chose the relationship you’re in. Are you giving yourself an expiration date? If you can easily see an endpoint when looking at your dating life, is it worth waiting it out until the bitter end?

Going back to that glorious episode of “The Hills,” I leave you with the following proposition: Clean out your emotional fridge. Toss out the moldy and enjoy the delightful possibility of shopping again, but treat yourself to Whole Foods instead of Food Lion. If everyone decides to cut ties at once (much as I imagine Los Angeles did one fateful day and never looked back), the singles pool would be infused with a new life.

Enjoy single life and all of the benefits of being selfish. The only rule is, no looking for fairytale romances — those are as stale as last year’s bread ends.

Charlotte Savino is a Confusion Corner columnist for The Flat Hat. She has a boyfriend.

There’s no place like campus

Where you can expect to land next year with lottery time slots at the top, middle and bottom of the heap

By KRISTINA SURFACE
THE FLAT HAT

It’s that time of year again: The grass is green, the flowers are blooming, the College is finally replacing those loose bricks in time for Day For Admitted Students ... and housing lottery for next year is looming.

This year, the housing lottery will be entirely online over a two-week period, a change from previous year’s frantic rush in Trinkle Hall. While college life is undeniably stressful on its own, choosing the right room and roommate for next year adds an extra challenge, not to mention the stress of involuntary bump.

Assistant Vice President and Director of Residence Life Deb Boykin foresees problems with the new online housing system. “It’s a brand new process; we know there might be some difficult points ... [but] we’ve tested it with RAs and students and are now using it for the graduate complex.” The best advice she has? “If there are people out there who do not plan to use their [housing] space, come in and fill out a reimbursement form.” That way, anyone who has been bumped can get back into the process quickly.

So, what dorms are the best? What dorm can you expect to get with your housing block time?

Where everyone wants to live

At the top of every rising senior’s list are certainly the Lodges, Cabell, Jamestown and then the rest of the Randolph Complex.

Senior Karen Vassar lives in a Cabell apartment, which she proclaims to be the best dorm on campus. She is certainly not alone in this opinion — Cabell was one of the first dorms to be filled last year. According to the ResLife website, Cabell is estimated to be full by 11:50 a.m. on the first day of housing selection, making it a viable option only for seniors with the best housing numbers.

“The bedroom setup is great, but what’s better than that is the spacious living room. The kitchen is small, but it’s really all you need for four people,” Vassar said. The downsides?

“The cinderblock walls are not very appealing — though they make for a great postcard display,” Vassar said of her apartment. As always though, location is everything. The Randolph Complex’s proximity to the library, the Caf and the Rec make it even more appealing.



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Also appealing to all students are the newest dorms on campus, the Jamestown Complex. The extra cost of living in this dorm keeps some away, but for some, the extra cost — about \$400 a semester — is worth it.

Jamestown single resident junior Melissa Edwards thinks so. “If you look at the quality of the other dorms, this one is better. It’s just new. The quality of things they provide for you is superior.” Edwards especially recommends the new dorms for anyone looking for a single, as the singles in Jamestown are much larger than the other singles on campus. As with any dorms, there are some downsides. “They’ve chosen to use low-pressure water appliances, so showers take longer and it takes longer to wash your dishes,” said Edwards. But she finds the building construction to be in top-shape, as any minor issues have already been fixed.

Where no one wants to be

With the opening of Jamestown came the end of the Dillard Complex, the despised home of many a sophomore. The Units are now the most feared dorms on campus.

“On the whole, it’s not too bad. It’s not like we’re in Bosnia or something,” said Unit G resident, sophomore Zan Gillies. “The heat in the summer is a bastard, though. We usually close the big doors during frat parties so random Sig Chi guys don’t walk in. There is a really annoying high pitched noise that starts at night though. Some kind of mechanical thing, I’m not sure.”

As for pros to living at the Units, again, it’s all in location. “Location isn’t too bad. It’s right next to William and Mary Hall, not far from the Caf,” Gillies said. “And it’s pretty close to Busch Field for all the athletes out there. And it’s certainly close to the ‘night life,’” as the Units are predominately

connected and most units house the on-campus fraternities. So, if you don’t mind a little noise and heat, the Units aren’t as bad as, well, Bosnia.

Where most people end up: Somewhere in the middle

Although it is not unreasonable for juniors and even a few sophomores to secure a smaller room in Jamestown, most people “stuck in the middle” will find themselves in Landrum, Chandler, the Bryan Complex or Ludwell. Ludwell offers apartment-style living for those who aren’t yet seniors with good timeslots and who do not want to test the city housing laws by living off campus. Landrum, Chandler, Jefferson and the Bryan Complex offer the advantages of old-campus housing and reasonably sized rooms in both hall- and suite-style options.

Junior Carl Reitman lives on the first floor of Chandler. Reitman does not consider himself stuck in the center. “It’s in the middle of everything. It’s a really great location to get where you need to go,” he said. “The first floor ceilings are so high ... and the RA, Phillip Mitchell, is an awesome guy. He will be here again next year.”

There is still something to the stuck in the middle concept though: Chandler does not have air conditioning, and the lounges are somewhat run down, though this is not true of all of the James Rowe dorms.

What now?

Now, all you have to do is choose which dorm is right for you, which roommate you think you can live with and — for some of us — wait for those reinstatement letters to arrive. Boykin cautions about choosing a roommate with whom you will be compatible. “Students should not pick someone just because they have a great housing number. We encourage students to talk through the roommate agreement.” And again, if you know that you are not going to live on campus, go to the ResLife office to fill out a reimbursement form.

Now that you have an idea of what to shoot for, go out, knock on a few doors and explore your options. Hopefully you will find a room that fits you —now all you have to do is snag it. Good luck.

‘Tragedy!’ strikes at UC Commonwealth

By RACHEL OHM
THE FLAT HAT

For an interesting twist on one of Shakespeare’s most popular, but according to critics and literary experts, worst written tragedy, “Titus Andronicus,” members of the Mystic Theater Company will be presenting “Tragedy! The Musical Comedy of Titus Andronicus” this week.

Farical humor and modern flavor combine to relieve the serious and dark side of Greek drama, as well as parody the American musical in this new-

age production. “We made it a bit darker — actually so dark that it becomes funny,” sophomore Mike Johnson, director of ‘Tragedy!’ said, referring to the pervasive violence and sexual innuendos that recall the original appeal of the piece among citizens of the ancient Greek republic.

Yet, even for those unfamiliar with Shakespeare’s “Titus Andronicus,” which depicts a fictional Roman general entangled in a macabre cycle of revenge with his enemy Tamora, Queen of the Goths, the production has the potential to appeal as entertaining

and provocative. “Tragedy!” contains only four lines of Shakespeare’s original work. “We kept the best four lines,” Johnson said.

The production was written and produced by students in order to “make the audience question their expectations when they come to see a theatrical show. We explore a gray area of evil, pain and sadness — it becomes something you can almost joke about,” he said.

Johnson also explained that the musical score and choreography contribute to the success of satire in ‘Tragedy!’ by mixing a cabaret atmosphere into Shakespeare’s

bloodiest drama.

Apart from the occasional classical allusion, the narrative of the production adopts to a modern society familiar with blenders, radios and infomercials. Depending on the outlook of the audience, the performance will deliver insight into the psychology of ancient and modern theater or simply entertain with a humorous and dramatic rendition of traditional themes.

“Tragedy! The Musical Comedy of Titus Andronicus” will run April 2 to 5 at 8 p.m. in the University Center Commonwealth Auditorium. Admission is \$5 for students.

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MLB Preview

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one of the most unhittable 8th/9th inning combos in Scott Shields and flame-throwing closer Francisco Rodriguez.

2. Oakland Athletics — Although the Athletics lost their staff ace Barry Zito and chief run producer Frank Thomas, the A’s, as usual, will find a way to remain competitive in the AL West.

3. Seattle Mariners — If young stud Felix Hernandez can rebound from a sophomore slump, the Mariners could make things interesting in a wide-open AL West.

4. Texas Rangers — It looks as if the Rangers are in for another long summer at the ballpark in Arlington.

NL East

1. Philadelphia Phillies — Beastly slugger Ryan Howard and the Phillies will narrowly seize the competitive NL East. Starter Cole Hamels will have a breakout season, and Chase Utley will have an MVP caliber year.

2. New York Mets — With a formidable lineup including speedster Jose Reyes, the Mets will claim an NL wild card berth.

3. Atlanta Braves — This season Braves’ Brian McCann will establish himself as one of the best all-around catchers in baseball, and Jeff Francoeur will prove himself as one of the best young outfielders in the game.

4. Florida Marlins — Although Florida is a team on the rise, the Marlins will suffer as a result of their weak bullpen.

NL Central

1. St. Louis Cardinals — Easily the most balanced team in the NL Central, the Cardinals will not disappoint after their 2006 World Series championship. In fact, the Cards starting rotation will only become stronger with the addition of former closer Adam Wainwright and his filthy curveball.

2. Chicago Cubs — Their \$300 million spending spree in the off-season won’t buy them a division title.

3. Milwaukee Brewers — Prince Fielder will emerge as one of the most feared sluggers in the game, and the Brewers will finish the season above the .500 mark.

4. Cincinnati Reds — Ken Griffey Jr. has made the transition to right field, but that doesn’t change the fact that the Reds have a truly heinous pitching staff.

NL West

1. Arizona Diamondbacks — Expect this youthful Diamondback squad to be the surprise of the year in the National League. With the return of veteran Randy Johnson, expect the D-Backs to capture the wide-open NL West.

2. Los Angeles Dodgers — The off-season acquisition of Jason Schmidt should bolster the Dodgers rotation, but past table-setters Juan Pierre and Rafael Furcal, the Dodgers simply don’t possess enough offense.

3. San Diego Padres — For the Padres to seize an NL-West title, ace Jake Peavy must lower his mediocre ERA of 4.09 and return to his dominant form of seasons past.

4. San Francisco Giants — Overpriced off-season acquisition Barry Zito will not be enough to propel the Giants into the postseason.

Graham Williamson is a sports columnist for The Flat Hat.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S GYMNASTICS: ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tribe places fifth, seventh at ECACs

Meet marks the end of men’s season; women now look toward NCAA Southeast Regionals

By KATE TEDESCO
THE FLAT HAT

This weekend both the women’s and men’s gymnastics teams competed in the Eastern College Athletics Conference Championships. The men traveled to Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. and the women competed in Ithaca, NY at Cornell University. The ECAC Championship included both team and individual events. The College’s men placed fifth in the team event to end their 2007 season with a score of 197.80. The Tribe women placed seventh out of the nine teams competing with a 188.250 mark.

The men’s host, Temple University, won the championship with 208.40 points, while the University of Illinois at Chicago earned runner-up honors with a score of 202.70. The Naval Academy Midshipmen, whom the Tribe defeated in last weekend’s USAG Collegiate Championship, finished ahead of the College in fourth.

Although this meet marks the end of the men’s season, the Tribe has many accomplishments to look back on, as the men won their 34th consecutive Virginia State Championship and 11th USA Gymnastics Collegiate Team Championship.

“As the season continued, we became better, stronger, closer and more confident in ourselves and more importantly each other,” freshman Josh Fried said. Each person grew as the season went on, resulting in a stronger team.”

The men performed well in the ECAC Individual portion of the weekend with six gymnasts earning all-east honors. The floor exercises kicked off the event, as sophomore Sloan Crawford earned third place overall with an 8.85 and Fried placed fourth with a mark of 8.80. These were the first all-east honors for both of the gymnasts.

“To be here, to have this opportunity, and to be a part of this team has been a truly life-altering experience. Winning today is just a reminder that anyone can do anything if they truly work at it,” Fried said.

Tribe sophomore James Prim received his first all-east recognition, placing fifth on the pommel horse with an 8.10. Senior Dave Ridings and junior Andrew Hunt tied for sixth on the parallel bars en route to their first all-east honors. Junior Aaron Ingram placed seventh on the rings to earn the third all-east honor of his career.

At the women’s competition, the Towson University Tigers brought home the championship for the third consecutive year over runner-up University of Pennsylvania. Former conference champion, senior Christina Padilla performed strongly for the Tribe, tying for second place on the vault with a 9.8 and earning her second First-Team All-ECAC honor. Junior Tricia Long scored a 37.550 in the all-around, placing seventh and receiving her third consecutive all-conference honor. Long also earned all-East honors in the floor competition by tying for sixth-place. Junior Stevie Waldman and freshman Ali Medeiros tied on the beam with scores of 9.650 to earn All-ECAC recognition.

The Tribe women will continue their 2007 campaign when they compete in the NCAA Southeast Regional April 14.



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Senior David Ridings performs a routine at last weekend’s USAG Collegiate Championships.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

MEN’S GOLF

Behind the strength of their second-round performance, the Tribe climbed the leaderboard to claim a ninth place finish at this weekend’s Lacrosse Homes Collegiate Invitational in Grasonville, Md. After carding a 312 in the opening round, the College shot a 293 on day two for a total of 605. Junior Jimmy Femino led the Tribe, finishing in 12th and shooting a 3-over par 147. St. John’s University took the team title with a 4-over score of 580, and the Red Storm’s Keegan Bradley won the individual crown carding a 2-under 142.



LACROSSE

Last Friday, the George Washington University Colonials bested the Tribe 11-8 in a non-conference affair in Washington, D.C. Trailing 3-6 at halftime, the College scored three unanswered goals to knot the game at six, but the Colonials outscored the Tribe 5-2 down the stretch for the win. Junior Jaime Sellers scored three goals for the College and senior Kara Parker notched two. The loss drops the Tribe to 2-7 on the season.



TENNIS

Both the men’s and women’s teams host conference matches this week against CAA foe Old Dominion University. The 36th-ranked Tribe men face the 18th-ranked Monarchs today at 4:30 p.m. on the Busch Courts, while the 12th-ranked women take on ODU tomorrow at 4 p.m. On the men’s side, both teams enter the match undefeated in CAA play. For the women, the match marks the first time either team has faced a conference opponent this season.



By Andrew Pike. Golf photo by Alex Haglund, The Flat Hat. Lacrosse photo by Megan Doyle, The Flat Hat. Tennis photo courtesy of www.TribeAthletics.com.

Baseball

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and Mike Sheridan all had good weekends with the bat,” Leoni said.

The Tribe registered three runs in both the fourth and eighth innings. In the fourth, Julianio singled and Guez doubled, and sacrifice flies from Stanfield and McWhorter plated them both.

Park homered to left field to give the College a 7-5 lead. In the eighth, homeruns from both Sheridan and Sexton gave the Tribe a 14-8 lead. Wagner threatened in the ninth with four runs but fell short of the win.

The College faces Liberty University in Lynchburg today at 3:00 p.m. The team then returns home this weekend to host Georgia State University for a 3-game series.

Sailing club: ‘Everyone is welcome’

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just help cover all-around costs. Membership fees only end up costing about \$75 per person for the entire year — less than almost any other sports club or Greek organization.”

Founded in 2003 by a group of students who wished to take their passion to a competitive, collegiate level, the club rose from humble beginnings. Within a year, however, the club began to blossom, and every year since has seen the club continue to grow into its current state of 45 nominal members and about 25 more active

ones.

“2004 especially saw the team grow by leaps and bounds,” Thomson said. “It was the first full year and we had a large freshman class join. Since then, the team has continually grown in size, commitment and skill level.”

A note of particular interest regarding the makeup of the team is that in sailing, men and women can compete on the same boat and in the same races. This holds true even at the Olympic level, where many of the events are contested between mixed-gender teams. For trivia’s sake, the team consists of about 60

percent female and 40 percent male — a figure of relative unimportance considering the rules of the sport.

The team has grown to encompass more than just a desire to compete on the water — the bonds formed between the team’s members have led to a campus-wide reputation as a gregarious and fun-loving group. The sailing team’s social life focuses around an off-campus house wherein many of the sailors live, and where the rest often congregate for various social functions. At least once a week the team comes together for some sort of activity, be it horseshoes, croquet, or an outdoor barbecue.

In addition to a fondness for all things sailing and fun, the team also makes a conscious effort to be active in the community at large. Every year the team holds a kids’ sailing day for the children of the First Colony neighborhood – the area in which the Tribe’s docks are located. Also coming up April 21, the team will be holding ‘Boats ‘n Burgers,’ a fundraiser where for \$10 members of the student body can head out on the water and enjoy some barbecue with the team. Not to neglect the fact that every Friday for most of the semester the team offers recreational sailing, where students are welcome to come out and try their hand at sailing free of charge.

“Part of the team’s philosophy is that everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level or economic status,” Thomson said, describing the openness and easy-going attitude that characterizes most sailing teams throughout the country. “Sailors in general have strong camaraderie, we can travel to any regatta and stay for free at the host team’s sailing house and strike up conversations with sailors across the country in between races. It’s a great experience, and I’m extremely happy to be a part of it.”



COURTESY PHOTO • BRIAN GANJEI
The College’s sailing club consists of roughly 60 percent females and 40 percent males.

Track

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time at the College. Fellow freshman Brandon Oliver earned victories in the hammer throw and the shot put.

After a three-year hiatus, the College will host the 42nd Annual Colonial Relays this Friday and Saturday at Zable Stadium.

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FROM THE SIDELINES

A look ahead
at the 2007
MLB season

With 64,800 outs, 21,600 innings and 2,400 games to be played, predicting the outcome of the 2007 Major League Baseball season can be rather challenging. However, it seems certain that

numerous milestones will be reached. Needing only 70 more hits, Houston Astro second basemen Craig Biggio will easily become a member of the 3,000 hit club. Meanwhile, with only nine more victories, 41 year-old New York Mets starter Tom Glavine can become only the 23rd pitcher in baseball history to reach 300 career victories. Finally, entering the

season with 734 career home runs, it is inevitable that San Francisco Giant slugger Barry Bonds will shatter arguably the most coveted record in all of professional sports — Hank Aaron’s all time home run record of 755. After all the milestones and records have been achieved, and Roger Clemens decides to return for his “final” farewell tour, the top four teams in each division should resemble the following:

AL East

1. Boston Red Sox —The key to the Red Sox success will rest upon the success of the big three in their rotation. If Daisuke Matsuzaka’s arm can endure the rigors of a 162-game season, and either Curt Schilling or Josh Beckett can return to their form of old, look for the Sox to grab the division title.

2. New York Yankees — Although the Bronx Bombers possess the most imposing lineup in all the Big Leagues, the Yankees’ opening day starter is none other than the extremely mediocre Carl Pavano. Enough said.

3. Toronto Blue Jays — With Vernon Wells and the addition of veteran slugger Frank Thomas, the Jays possess a nifty lineup that rivals both the Red Sox and Yankees.

4. Baltimore Orioles — It’s going to be a long season in Baltimore; however, keep an eye out for my pick to win rookie of the year honors — promising outfielder Nick Markakis.

AL Central

1. Cleveland Indians — After outscoring their opponents by 88 runs last year, many feel that the Indians’ lack of success in 2006 was an anomaly. Look for the Indians to capture the division, as a slimmed-down Jonny Peralta will improve defensively and veteran reliever Joe Borkowski will bolster the Tribe bullpen.

2. Detroit Tigers — Although Kenny Rogers is starting the season on the DL, the acquisition of perennial run producing outfielder Gary Sheffield should provide the Tigers with enough offensive firepower to capture the AL wild card.

3. Minnesota Twins — The resourceful Twins always find a way to contend each season. However, the Twins could find themselves struggling as a result of the loss of young phenom Francisco Liriano and the retirement of veteran presence Brad Radke.

4. Chicago White Sox — The window of opportunity is quickly closing on fiery manager Ozzie Guillen and his White Sox. Neither Jose Contreras nor Mark Buehrle are the dominant starters they once were.

AL West

1. Los Angeles Angels — Anchored by John Lackey and one of the game’s best all-around pitching staffs, the Angels should be a force to be reckoned with in the AL West. The Halos possess

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BASEBALL: TRIBE 14, WAGNER 12

Tribe takes three from Wagner

College improves to 19-13 overall after weekend series sweep; team has won 10 of its last 12 games



LAUREN NELSON • THE FLAT HAT

Tribe baseball is now 19-13 for the season. They travel to take on Liberty University today at 3 p.m.

By MADDY WOLFERT
THE FLAT HAT

This past weekend, the Tribe baseball team faced Wagner College for a break from conference play. The College swept the series (8-5, 6-4, 14-12) and has won 10 of its last 12 games, including 14 of its last 16 in Williamsburg. The Tribe now stands at 19-13 overall and 8-4 in the CAA.

“I feel like we were fortunate to win all three games. We’re going to need a little better effort getting back into conference plays,” Head Coach Frank Leoni said.

The College faced Wagner Saturday in a double-header with the support of a huge crowd in the stands. Junior Sean Grieve started pitching for the Tribe, and senior Warrik Staines and junior Pete Vernon both entered in relief. Vernon ultimately earned the win (5-2) pitching three scoreless innings. In the first, junior catcher Tim Park registered a single and scored on a homerun from senior second baseman Brent McWhorter. Park bunted for a single in the fifth inning and senior third baseman Greg Sexton homered to left center to plate Park.

Wagner had a big sixth inning to tie the game at 4-4, and took a 5-4 lead in the seventh. Park scored in the bottom of the seventh to knot it again with sophomore first baseman Mike Sheridan earning the RBI. In the bottom of the eighth, junior centerfielder Paul Juliano and sophomore shortstop Lanny Stanfield both drew walks and Park was hit by a pitch to load the bases. McWhorter singled to score Juliano and Stanfield, and a single from Sheridan scored Park to give the Tribe an 8-5 victory.

In the second contest, the College reached the board in the bottom of the second on a Stanfield single that scored sophomore rightfielder Robbie Nickle. Sophomore catcher Jeff Wera then tripled to right center to score Stanfield and junior leftfielder Greg Maliniak. In the fourth, the Tribe took a 5-1 lead, as Wera plated sophomore centerfielder Ben Guez and Stanfield scored on a pop-out from Park. Wagner scored three more runs before the end of the seven-inning game, but it was not enough, as the Tribe won 6-4. Freshman starting pitcher Kevin Landry (4-3) recorded the win.

“We could have separated ourselves from them a little bit better...we didn’t do our best to put them away in the games,” Leoni said.

The final contest of the series was a high-scoring game for both teams, as the College earned the win 14-12. Junior starting pitcher Pat Kantakevich (3-0) recorded the win for the Tribe. Maliniak finished 4-for-5 on the day, and Sexton was 3-for-5.

“Greg Maliniak, Greg Sexton, Tim Park, Brent McWhorter

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SPORTS FEATURE

Anchors away

A behind-the-scenes look at the College’s sailing club

By BRAD CLARK
FLAT HAT STAFF WRITER

Throw out your preconceived notions about sailors — whether you close your eyes and see a drunken Jimmy Buffet floating aimlessly between an endless string of beach saloons or an inept Gilligan figure, scratching his head and tinkering ineffectively with his rig — because the Tribe sailing team certainly does not fit the stereotype.

While they still find time to enjoy themselves, the team has grown into a dedicated and tightly knit group — one beginning to challenge the old guard of collegiate sailing. Competing in the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA), one of the most hotly contested leagues in the country, the team is constantly coming into contact with such national powers as the Naval Academy, Georgetown

University and Hampton University. Depending on weather and season, the team practices four times a week — each member attending two of those practices — for about four or five hours.

An important factor to keep in mind when reading through the team’s results is its status as a club. Many of the teams against which the College’s club races are fully funded varsity programs — a huge advantage when squaring off against our team, which does not have the comfort of scholarships, private docks or the deep pockets of a large athletic department.

That’s not to say that the team doesn’t receive an ample amount of funding for their program.

“The Rec Sports Department has been extremely generous with our team,” junior Alex “Meatwad” Thomson said. “They’ve helped us buy boats, maintain and build docks and basically



COURTESY PHOTO • BRIAN GANJEI

The sailing club during their Florida training trip this January.

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M. & W. TRACK AND FIELD: TRIBE INVITATIONAL, STANFORD INVITATIONAL

Bechtol, Mock run at Stanford while Tribe breaks in new track

Senior Bechtol qualifies for NCAAs out west while College hosts Tribe Invite

By ANDREW PIKE
FLAT HAT ASSOC. SPORTS EDITOR

Competing on both the East and West coasts this weekend, the Tribe track and field program showcased its early season form. Two members of the men’s team traveled to Palo Alto, Calif. for Stanford University’s Cardinal Invitational while other Tribe athletes broke in the new track at the Tribe Invitational at Zable Stadium.

Out west, senior Keith Bechtol raced in the fastest section of the 10,000 meters, which included Olympian Adam Goucher, U.S. half-marathon record holder Ryan Hall and countless All-Americans. Bechtol fared well racing to an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 28 minutes and 55.57 seconds. This performance moved Bechtol into third place all-time at the College

behind former All-Americans Matt Lane and Ken Halla. Junior teammate Dave Mock ran in a different section of the 10,000-m, and qualified for the IC4As running 30:18.82.

“Keith ran exceptionally well and probably earned himself a bid to the NCAA Championships with the quality of his performance,” Head Coach Alex Gibby said.

While Bechtol and Mock were in California, the College hosted its first track meet since April 2003. The field included Hampton University and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Both the women’s and men’s teams saw two athletes capture qualifying marks for the ECAC Championships and IC4As respectively. Moreover, the two teams combined to win over half the events; the women took 10 and the men grabbed eight.

On the women’s side, sophomore Abby Lemon missed the hammer throw school record by just four inches; she did, however, qualify for ECACs with a winning toss of 159 feet 4 inches. Another Tribe thrower — senior Jen Showker — won the discus with an ECAC-qualifying toss of 144’ 9”. Showing her versatility, senior Bonnie Meekins claimed first place in the javelin, long jump and 100-m hurdles.

The men performed strongly as well. Sophomore Alex Heacock hurled the javelin an IC4A-qualifying distance of 192’2”, taking the event and moving into sixth place on the Tribe’s school record list. Freshman Kiernan Lofland qualified for IC4A’s after he cleared 15’7” in the pole vault; Lofland’s performance vaulted him into eighth all-

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IRENE ROJAS • THE FLAT HAT

Senior Bonnie Meekins placed first in the 100-m hurdles at Saturday’s Tribe Invitational.